

Lesson 5.14: 5th Grade Music

Rite of Spring – Strings

Name: _____

1. Who was the composer of “The Rite of Spring”?
2. Please think of 3 words that describe this piece.

At this point, click on the button “Explore the Score”. We will not use the other button “~~A Riotous Premiere~~”

Part 1 Excerpt 1:

3. At the beginning, the bassoon player speaks of the first measures. What is difficult and unusual about the opening of this piece?

Part 1 Excerpt 2:

4. How does the word “percussive” describe this music? How are the numbers 1-8 necessary, yet very difficult?

Part 1 Excerpt 4:

5. Please think of 2 words that describe this excerpt.

Part 1 Excerpt 5:

6. This excerpt has the same music, but the feeling has completely changed. Please explain. What do the ballet costumes say about this portion.

Part 1 Excerpt 7:

7. How does the silence become powerful in this movement?

Part 2 Excerpt 1:

8. Name 2 words that describe the emotion of this music.

Part 2 Excerpt 2:

9. The girl falls on the ground, how is this central to this piece of music? What unusual job does the percussion have?

Part 2 Excerpt 7:

10. The tension has built and has climaxed at the very end of the piece, is this effective? Please explain.